

WHAT'S RECYCLABLE

Listed below are examples of items accepted (or not accepted) in the City's recycling program. Read the labels on containers to determine where acceptable items are placed. Homes use a "split" cart; apartments have group carts; and businesses use dumpsters for mixed recycling and/or corrugated cardboard.

ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING

PAPER (CLEAN)

All paper should be clean--without food stain or residue.

Catalogs, phone books and magazines (no plastic wrap)
Cereal and cake boxes (no plastic liners)
Colored and white paper
Donut boxes (clean, no food stain/residue, no plastic)
Gift wrap (no metallic), greeting cards (no musical)
Junk mail (plastic windows ok) but no laminated postcards that cannot be torn by hand
Manila file folders and envelopes (no padded; clasps ok)
Newspaper and colored inserts
Paperback books (no hardbacks)
Pizza boxes (clean, no food stain/residue or plastic)
Slick or glossy paper (faxes, receipts)

PLASTIC BOTTLES & TUBS #1 - #7 (EMPTY)

All plastic must be marked #1 through #7*

All must be less than 2 gallon size.

Plastic bottles and jars (food, peanut butter, syrup, catsup, drink or detergent, shampoo, prescription)

Plastic jugs (milk jugs, orange juice)

Plastic tubs (cottage cheese, yogurt, baby wipes)

Lids and caps only if marked #1-#7.

METAL CANS (EMPTY)

Aluminum cans, trays, or clean aluminum foil
Bimetal cans (cat food cans)
Metal food cans, tin and steel cans
Metal lids and caps (but no wire or scrap metal)

GLASS BOTTLES & JARS (EMPTY)

Beverage bottles (any color)
Canning jars
Jam or peanut butter jars
Olive oil and vinegar bottles
Soup or spaghetti jars
Wine bottles (no corks/metal or plastic wrapper)

*Note: recycling symbols on products are a uniform labeling system for manufacturers much like a nutrition label on a soup can for consumers. It does not mean that the particular item is accepted for recycling. We accept only plastic BOTTLES and TUBS with a recycling symbol because they have enough market value to merit the cost of recycling.

NOT ACCEPTED

PAPER

None of these (even if "clean" unless noted):

Candy wrappers and chip bags
Donut boxes (stained/food residue)
Egg cartons (paper or polystyrene foam type)
Fast food wrappers, cups or boxes
Gift wrap paper (foil or metallic)
Frozen food boxes or ice cream cartons
Hardback books or padded envelopes
Milk, soy, juice cartons and juice bags
Paper cups, plates, napkins or towels (even if unused)
Photographs or any plastic-coated paper
Pizza boxes (stained/food residue)
Vinyl or 3- or 2-ring style binders
"Waxed" (dark brown) cardboard

PLASTIC BOTTLES & TUBS

Any plastic that is NOT a bottle, jar or tub marked #1-#7

Any bottle, jar or tub more than 2 gallons in size

Black plastic or rigid plastics
Plastic bags of any kind
Bubble-wrap, straps, shrink-wrap
Buckets, crates, pails, laundry baskets
Deli/fast food "clamshells" (top-hinged-bottom)
Styrofoam drink cups, noodle cups, meat trays
Foam packaging, blocks or "peanuts"
Garden hoses, or swimming pools
Junk mail (laminated, cannot be torn by hand)
Photographs, negatives, microfiche, "overheads"
Plant pots, plastic tarps, bender board
Plastic drink glasses/cups, clear or opaque
Straws, toothpaste and ointment tubes
Vinyl binders, 3 ring binders, spiral notebooks

METAL CANS

Aerosol or paint cans, propane tanks (empty or full)
Construction debris, nails, pipes or car parts
Pots and pans, toasters or irons, appliances

GLASS BOTTLES & JARS

Ceramic /porcelain cups/dishes, drink glasses, eyeglasses
Fluorescent tubes or light bulbs
Mirrors, picture frame glass, window glass

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